

## The Distillery Historic District 2026 Seasonal Vendor Guidelines

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This document is intended to provide an overview and establish guidelines for The Distillery Historic District's 2026 Seasonal Vendor Program. Successful applicants will engage in a formal Agreement, wherein the terms set forth in the Agreement shall take precedence over the guidelines outlined herein.

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## 1: Seasonal Vendors at The Distillery Historic District

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The Distillery Historic District is seeking seasonal vendors offering unique and artisanal products. We welcome vendors who are passionate about their craft, who actively engage with our community, and who can speak knowledgeably about the locally made products they create, sell, and produce!

Please ensure that you have read this document in full prior to submitting your application. We ask that you use our online form to apply. We do not accept applications submitted in person, via mail, via email, or by any other method (unless requested). If you require additional support, our team can be reached at: [events@thedistillerydistrict.com](mailto:events@thedistillerydistrict.com)

**This document is intended to provide guidelines for those seeking to be a vendor on a seasonal basis at The Distillery Historic District.** Applications submitted to be a vendor at The 2026 Distillery Winter Village will not be reviewed through the seasonal vendor application form. Only those seeking to be a seasonal vendor from May through October will be considered.

## 2: Program Overview

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**The Distillery Historic District's 2026 Seasonal Vendor Program runs on select dates from May 15 through October 12, 2026.** Vendors do not need to commit to the full season (May - October). You will be asked about your availability during the application process.

**The Distillery Historic District is keen on receiving applications from (including but not limited to):**

- Fresh flowers and plants (especially those suitable for condos!)
- Vegetables, fruits, greens, and grains
- Seasonal produce including pumpkins, squash, and gourds
- Handmade and/or artisanal goods

**The Distillery Historic District is unable to consider applications for the following products:**

- Mass-produced products
- Jewellery
- Candles
- Skincare
- Socks
- Pet products
- Pens
- Fresh and/or prepared food products (sandwiches, ice cream, baked goods, etc.)
  - *We do accept applications for fresh produce!*
- Unprepared food products (food cannot be prepared or cooked on site)
- Coffee (brewed or bagged)
- Brewed tea



### 3: Our Market Carts

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We have a total of 10 market carts on site that are available for seasonal vendor use from May - October.



Site management will assign carts and locations to seasonal vendors. The seasonal vendor must set up shop at their assigned cart. Cart assignments may vary, and as such, the seasonal vendor should not expect to use the same cart on a weekly basis.

Not familiar with The Distillery Historic District? [Click here to view our site map.](#) Market carts are typically deployed on Trinity Street and/or Gristmill Lane. Locations will vary depending on the events and activations we host on site throughout the year.

**Important to note:**

- Your product display must be contained to your market cart. Seasonal vendors are not permitted to deploy a-frames or signage in front of or beside their cart to advertise their products. Small signs are permitted on your counter
- Storage containers or other means you use to transport your goods should be stored in your vehicle or tucked underneath your market cart when not in use

**Market cart specs:**

No two market carts are the same! Dimensions and shelf space vary slightly from cart to cart

- o The height of the market cart from ground to countertop is approximately 37"
- o The counter measures between 60" - 96" long and 40" wide



*This photo depicts a 60" x 40" market cart on the left, and a 96" x 40" market cart on the right*

**The Distillery Historic District provides seasonal vendors with the following:**

- Complimentary use of a market cart to sell from
- Access to public Wi-Fi
- Potential advertising via our social media channels, and other online or print listings

**The Distillery Historic District does not provide seasonal vendors with:**

- Electrical hookups
- Water hookups
- Storage space for tents, tables, or goods
- Access to a payment terminal / POS machine

## 4: Market Cart Hours of Operation

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Approved seasonal vendors will be assigned a complimentary market cart at The Distillery Historic District at scheduled times. Market carts are reserved through site management on a first-come basis.

### **Market Cart Hours of Operation: 12PM-5PM**

Vendors must remain open during the advertised hours of operation (12PM-5PM). Vendors may not vend for a partial day at a market cart (i.e. 1PM-4PM). Vendors are welcome to start earlier or stay later upon approval from site management. Support from site management outside of the 12PM-5PM window will vary; vendors who opt to open or close outside of operating hours are expected to be self-sufficient. Seasonal vendors may not operate before 10AM or after 8PM.

### **Operating Dates:**

*The following is subject to change*

- Available to reserve Fridays through Sundays from May 15 through June 11
- Available to reserve daily from June 12 through September 7
- Available to reserve Fridays through Sundays from September 8 through October 12
- Available to reserve on holidays (May 18, July 1, August 3, September 7, and October 12)

## 5: Vendor Fees

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There is no fee for use of our market carts during the 2026 season (May - October). The Distillery Historic District does not collect a percentage of sales made by the seasonal vendor. The seasonal vendor will report their weekly sales total to site management.

## 6: Product Approval

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A full product list and planned product displays must be approved by the site management team during the application process.

## 7: Outdoor Market

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The Distillery Historic District is open rain or shine! Our market carts are equipped with a canopy that will protect your products in the event of moderate weather conditions.

Site management and/or security will inform the seasonal vendor if their scheduled date/time is cancelled due to inclement weather or extreme heat.



## 8: Parking and Loading Zones

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The Distillery Historic District does not provide seasonal vendors with complimentary parking. Parking is extremely limited during peak periods at The Distillery Historic District. Seasonal vendors are encouraged to plan their travel accordingly. The loading and unloading of goods are restricted to designated areas on site.

## 9: Accessibility and Inclusion

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We are committed to providing an inclusive, barrier-free application and selection process. Please note that accommodation throughout each stage of the application process is available upon request. Contact our team at: [events@thedistillerydistrict.com](mailto:events@thedistillerydistrict.com).

## 10: Insurance

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It is mandatory that seasonal vendors secure and provide proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance for at least 5 million dollars. Seasonal vendors are not covered by The Distillery Historic District's insurance. The Distillery Historic District does not assume responsibility for loss, damage, or theft to equipment, funds received for goods, or products.

## 11: Conclusion

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The seasonal vendor will be provided with an **Agreement** upon approval of their application. Before submitting your application, please review the following:

- a. This document is subject to change. Such changes will be indicated by a version number and date on the first page of this document.
- b. Drop-in vendors are not permitted.
- c. No aspect of the vending process can pose any danger or risk to the public.
- d. Seasonal vendors must be legally entitled to sell in Canada.
- e. Seasonal vendor applications will be subject to a jury process to ensure that all participants support the vision of The Distillery Historic District.
- f. Seasonal vendors may not at any time solicit donations from the public. Only payment and tips are permitted.
- g. Seasonal vendors will be responsible for their own costs, including insurance, parking, and transportation.
- h. Seasonal vendor areas must adhere to visual standards of cleanliness and professionalism.
- i. If accepted, seasonal vendors will be assigned a market cart. It is the seasonal vendor's responsibility to provide product signage, decor, and displays for their cart. Your product display and signage will be subject to pre-approval by The Distillery Historic District.

- j. The seasonal vendor must provide The Distillery Historic District with at least 1 emergency contact to keep on file.
- k. Seasonal vendors are not permitted to play amplified sound at their market cart.
- l. Seasonal vendors may not at any time exhibit inappropriate behaviour whilst on site at The Distillery Historic District. This includes but is not limited to intoxication, swearing, disrespect, heckling and belligerence towards fellow vendors, visitors, or site staff. Seasonal vendors must be polite and professional at all times.
- m. The Distillery Historic District is a family friendly site. At no time may the seasonal vendor sell products that contain profane, insulting, or obscene language. Products should never discriminate against any group of people based on their colour, race, religion, nationality or ethnic background, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any mental and/or physical disability. Please ensure that you have reviewed the products we do not host on site (as outlined in section 2) before submitting an application.

**Thank you for your interest in becoming a seasonal vendor at  
The Distillery Historic District!**

We look forward to reviewing your submission. [Click here to apply to be a seasonal vendor.](#)

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